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A city divided

Columbians battle over I-70 World Series

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The troops are mobilizing in Columbia, and battle lines are being drawn so even family members have become foes.

The battle has been declared the Interstate-70 World Series. And in a city where the East meets the West, Columbians from both St. Louis and Kansas City are preparing to fight for their side.

All around the city, conversations hinge on the first all-Missouri Series since 1944 when the St. Louis Browns met the St. Louis Cardinals. Come Saturday, the enemy Cardinals will march into Royals Stadium flying their National League pennant proudly before them, and the Series will begin.

Meanwhile in Columbia, the burning question of whom to cheer for has divided families like Cindi Elliot's.

Elliot, a Columbia resident, pushed her shopping cart past the Cardinals supply depot in a local supermarket, her loyalty defined by her redbird hat, but she said such loyalty doesn't run in the family. "I have one brother who lives in St. Louis and one in Kansas City who are really into this."

Elliot's family will be traveling back and forth to the front lines for the games with each brother purchasing the tickets in their respective territories. "Both (brothers) already are constantly bantering at each other," she said. "It should be really exciting."

Because of her midway location,

she said, "I'm sort of the middle sister," she said. "Our house is going to be sort of a stop off."

But what happens when opposing forces live under the same roof?

"We decided this morning to lay down a rule — no mentioning baseball in the room," said Maureen Mason, a University student from St. Louis. She lives with one other person from St. Louis and two from Kansas City, and loyalist tendencies seem to express themselves in baseball talk.

"It's going to be really tense," Mason said. "I'm sure we're going to make little digs at each other all week and until one side wins."

The ban on baseball talk did not last long, Mason said. In fact, it faltered Thursday morning when a skirmish ensued about which city would be more fun to see a World Series game in.

Then there are those like Tim Redmond who know when they are outnumbered. He is one of two people in the UMC Evans Scholars fraternity chapter who is from Kansas City. "It's hard to be objective when you have 38 people from St. Louis around you screaming," Redmond said.

Redmond has decided that come game time Saturday, he will be better off retreating into his room.

I have a TV in my room so I don't have to worry about it," he said. "I'm going to watch the game in there where I can watch it in peace."

The Alpha Chi Omega sorority house, 900 Richmond Ave., became a house divided Wednesday night.

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I-70 signs put Columbia midway to Series cities.

Italy loses leadership Prime minister quits

ROME (UPI) — The Italian government collapsed Thursday amid a political furor over its handling of the Achille Lauro hijacking and doctors confirmed that slain American hostage Leon Klinghoffer was shot twice — once in the head and chest.

Prime Minister Bettino Craxi resigned with his government and in an address to Parliament expressed "bitterness" over U.S. protests against his decision to let Palestine Liberation Organization official Mohammed Abbas leave Italy.

Craxi allowed Abbas to fly to Yugoslavia despite U.S. assertions it had proof he was the leader of the four Palestinians who seized the Italian luxury liner Oct. 7 and killed Klinghoffer, 69, of New York, during a two-day voyage of terror in the eastern Mediterranean.

The Italian prime minister came under intense criticism at home and abroad for his release of Abbas, even though Italy helped negotiate the surrender of the four hijackers and the release of the 510 hostages aboard the cruise ship.

"The polemical tone of the first American government reactions could not fail to cause me the most unpleasant surprise," Craxi said in his speech. "It also gave me a feeling of bitterness, for the failure of a friendly government to recognize all the Italian government did to solve with success a situation that was particularly critical."

The resignation of Craxi's 26-month-old government — the second longest in post-war Italy — was forced when Defense Minister Giovanni Spadolini's Republican Party withdrew Wednesday from the five-party coalition to protest the Abbas release.

Craxi tendered his resignation to President Francesco Cossiga, who, as is customary, reserved a decision on the matter and asked Craxi to maintain his government in a caretaker capacity until the crisis was resolved.

As the political crisis engulfed Italy, Yugoslavia formally rejected a U.S. extradition request for Abbas on grounds he held diplomatic immunity as a member of the PLO Executive Committee — "the only legitimate representative of the Palestine people."

Yugoslavia said Abbas left Belgrade last Monday for an unknown destination, although a PLO official Thursday said Abbas was probably in Baghdad, Iraq, with PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat.

Craxi's diplomatic counselor, Antonio Badini, said the U.S. documents seeking to prove Abbas masterminded the hijacking were "completely ridiculous" and provided "even less" evidence against Abbas than the Palestinian did himself.

Anti-terrorist fund created

NEW YORK (UPI) — The family of slain hostage Leon Klinghoffer Thursday created a foundation to fight international terrorism so the wheelchair-bound New Yorker slain by Palestinian terrorists "will not have died in vain."

The Leon Klinghoffer Memorial Fund was announced by Milton Gralla, a family friend, who spoke in front of a Holocaust memorial just down the block from the United Nations.

At his side were Klinghoffer's two daughters, Ilisa and Lisa.

State Department officials have said Klinghoffer, 69, was shot and tossed into the sea by Palestinian commandos who hijacked the Italian cruise liner the Achille Lauro Oct. 7.

The aims of the foundation, Gralla said, would include using "publicity, public and private pressures and all other means, for speedier, more organized, more severe international response to all acts of terrorism."

The foundation will also bestow periodic awards to people who show "gallant action against terrorists or terrorism."

Bicycle collision

A car and bicycle collision injured Mary Bradford, 28, of 1291 W. Old Plank Road, Thursday afternoon on S Ninth Street. Bradford, on ground at right, was riding her 10-speed bike north on S. Ninth Street toward University Avenue. A 1974 Ford Pinto driven by Virginia Bornhauser, 74, of 1201 Paquin St., was heading south on Ninth Street. Bornhauser, standing at right, turned left onto University Avenue and struck Bradford, Columbia police said. Bornhauser was issued a summons for failure to yield when turning left at the intersection. Bradford was treated at University Hospital for injuries to her right hand and left leg and released.



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U.S. charges Shiites in TWA hijacking

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The United States charged three Lebanese Shiites with air piracy and murder Thursday in the hijacking of TWA flight 847 in which a Navy seaman was killed, and a \$250,000 award was offered for information leading to their arrest.

Attorney General Edwin Meese announced that the suspects, identified as Hasan 'Izz-Al-din, Mohammad Hamadei and Ali Atwa, were each charged with air piracy in the seizure of TWA flight 847 on June 14 and with murder in the death of Robert Stethem, who was beaten, shot in the head and thrown on the tarmac at Beirut International Airport.

The three men, identified as Lebanese nationals and members of the radical pro-Iranian Hezbollah Shiite group based in West Beirut, are not in custody.

Stephen Trott, head of the Justice Department's criminal division, said the murder charges fall within the "special aircraft jurisdiction of the United States," and the fugitives could face the death penalty if convicted in the United States.

Trott also said U.S. authorities know where the suspects are but declined to elaborate. He did say, however, if the suspects are found in Lebanon, that country is bound by two international agreements requiring the three men to be extradited or prosecuted.